Revenue earned by Department of Telecom Services

*132. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU.: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by the Department of Telecom Services (DTS) month-wise, circle-wise and category-wise for each month since the revised rates of tariff have been introduced;

(b) the corresponding revenue earned by the Department in corresponding months of the previous financial year before the tariff revision;

(c) the comparative figures of traffic during the corresponding period as above before and after revision;

(d) the revenue loss suffered by DTS during the corresponding period due to revenue loss; and

(e) the likely impact of these losses during the present year on expansion plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The revenue billed by the Department of Telecom Services, month-wise and Circle-wise, in the category of Telephones for each month since the tariff revision (effective from 1st May, 1999) as well as the revenue earned in the corresponding months of the previous financial year is given in Annexure [*See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 12*]. The figures of revenue for the two years in the categories of Non-exchange lines and Circuits are in Annexure. [*See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 13*]

(c) Comparative figures of traffic for the corresponding periods of 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are in Annexure. [*See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 14*]

(d) The revenue loss for 1999-2000 compared with the budget estimates was over Rs. 2000 crore on account of tariff revision.

(e) The impact of tariff revision for the current financial year (2000-2001) is expected to be around Rs. 3000 crores. The effect of the reduction in revenue on the expansion plans to the Department can be compensated by market borrowings (i.e. the raising of bonds) to that extent.